

HOW TO FILE AN ELECTRONIC FULLY DEVELOPED CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ONLINE

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✓ Log into eBenefits at www.eBenefits.va.gov

✓ Click *Apply for Benefits*

✓ Click *Apply for Disability Compensation*

✓ Start by answering the questions about your claim

- ☐ Hit *SAVE* and *Continue* to preserve the day from which VA may be able to pay you should it grant your claim
- ☐ You have a year from the start date to gather evidence and submit the claim
 - i. VA will not process your claim until you hit *Submit*

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✓ Identify federal records. Tell us:

- ☐ Where and when you were treated at a VA medical facility
- ☐ If you receive Social Security benefits for a service-related condition
- ☐ Where your service treatment records and/or DOD personnel records are located (if you have copies, submit them)

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✓ Gather records (as applicable):

- ☐ Relevant private medical treatment records
- ☐ If National Guard or Reserve, all relevant treatment and personnel records in the custody of your unit(s)
- ☐ Statements from you or friends and family supporting your claim

✓ Upload the documents you gathered

- ☐ Scan the documents
- ☐ Under the *Upload Documents* tab, select *Manage Files*
- ☐ Upload your documents

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✓ Your appointed **Veterans Service Officer (VSO)**, if you have one, can check your claim and make sure you have all the required documents

✓ Once all records are uploaded (and your VSO has reviewed the claim), verify that you have *No More Evidence* and click *Submit*.

